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REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen & other Town Officers,

OF

CORNISH, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

For the year ending March 1st, 1880.

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L.S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town, on Tuesday the ninth day of March, 1880, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose a Town Clerk.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges, the ensuing year, and to determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.

6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay existing claims against the town.

7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, to pay land damages, and build the new highway laid out by the selectmen on the petition of O. B. Williams and others.

8th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading from the Davis Bridge (so called) to the school house in school district No. 2.

9th. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a Liquor Agent the ensuing year.

10th. To see if the town will vote to build two receiving tombs; one to be located in the westerly part of the town, the other to be located at the new cemetery, near W. H. Child's; and raise money to build the same.

11th. To see if the town will vote not to maintain a public pound in town; and, if so, to see if the town will vote to sell the pound, and take any action thought proper.

12th. To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, 1880.

EDWARD O. DAY,
CHAUNCEY P. JENNEY,
ELIAS S. LEAVITT,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen of the Town of Cornish,

For the year ending March 1, 1880.

Inventory of the town, April 1, 1879.

312 Polls,	$ 31,200
Real Estate, resident and non resident,	437,752
396 Horses,	20,542
1362 Cattle,	31,608
5084 Sheep,	10,014
17 Hogs,	92
2 Owners of Bank Stock,	3,600
40 Carriages,	2,666
18 Owners of Stock in Trade,	5,354
120 Owners of money at interest,	79,036
3 Factories,	1,000
10 Mills,	4,700
1 Toll Bridge,	10,000
Total valuation of the town,	$ 637,564 00

The rate of taxation on each one hundred dollars, was $0.98 in money, $0.29 in labor on highways, $0.06¾ school house tax in Dis. No. 5.

Amount of tax assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the town, to be paid in money, was as follows:

For State tax,	$ 1,340 00	
For County tax,	1,372 22	
To defray town charges,	1,600 00	
To pay existing claims against the town,	500 00	
For support of schools,	1,172 50	
Percentage, about 4½ per cent	263 52	
School house tax, Dis. No. 5	$ 20 00	
Percentage,	31	
Dog tax,	81 00	
Non resident Highway tax,	79 60	
		$ 6,429 15

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums:

Of the County, for the support of County Paupers,	117 74	
Of the Trustee of the Foss Fund for the support of the poor,	112 80	
Of the State for bounties paid on foxes and hawks,	3 00	
Of the Town Agent to defend law suits, amount of execution against Sprague, in suit Sprague *vs.* Cornish,	64 26	
Of the State, interest on Literary Fund, 1879,	99 90	
Of the State, Railroad tax,	223 05	
" " Savings Bank tax,	561 54	
Cash received for licenses of dogs,	6 00	
		$ 1,188 29
		$ 7.617 44

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, as follows:

For Support of Schools.

District No. 1,	S. L. Dunsmore,	$ 145 38
" 2,	Edward Bryant,	87 02
" 3,	A. H. Eastman,	74 14
" 4,	Henry Walker,	51 50
" 5,	Martin L. Walker,	62 62
" 6,	C. P. Jenney,	209 28

District No. 7, Stephen M. Ayers,	114 96		
" 8, H. P. Raymond,	137 91		
" 9, Lewis Knight,	70 59		
" 10, Samuel Hutchinson,	78 37		
" 11, Dana N. Morgan,	94 58		
" 12, Geo. H. Williams,	20 34		
" 13, Mary Hilliard,	67 44		
" 14, William W. Poole,	25 27		
" 15, John Conlin,	16 44		
" 16, Thomas A. Allen,	52 42		
" 14, (Claremont)H. Slate,	9 93		
" 1, (Plainfield)S. T. Pierce,	3 74		
		$ 1,321	93

For Support of County Paupers.

Catherine Chase,.....	103 71		
Family of Elzi W. White,.....	8 67		
Family of Darwin Jordan,.....	5 07		
		$ 117	45

For Support of Town Paupers.

Francis Goward, for the year ending May 1, 1880,.....	89 90		
Arthur A. Rickard,.....55 36			
Aid furnished the family of Enoch Quimby, ...	251 16		
Paid Dr. Geo. W. Hunt, for Medical attendance upon Mrs. John F. Carroll, from Feb. 26, 1874, to March 7, 1876,.....	43 50		
		$ 439	92

For Plank, Timber and Stone.

William C. Hart.....	$ 1	50
Harvey S. Read.....	6	06
Fred W. Dunsmore.....	6	18
James M. Davidson.....	9	00
Moses Hutchinson.....	1	50
Hiram H. York	7	62
Allen P. Messer.....	12	00
Henry Walker.....		75

Norman A. Deming	1 75
George D. Kenyon	19 00
Henry Fletcher	28 36
Charles E. Jackson	7 86
Amos Richardson	2 75
Albert E. Wellman	8 00
Jonathan C. Whittaker	11 50
Charles Tyler	2 65
Charles H. Read	24 06
Freeman A. Johnson	1 80
E. O. & H. M. Day	28 87
Edward Bryant	7 42
Sylvester M. Bugbee	27 94
Orra A. Kelley	5 90
Henry A. Weld	8 50
Stephen A. Tracy	3 90
Chester Pike	3 96
William E. Chadborn	5 00
Geo. W. Sargent	20 13
Orville B. Williams	5 85
George H. Ayers	1 50
Willis G. Cole	1 92
	$273 23

For Labor on Highways and Bridges.

Nathan C. Sturtevant	$ 6 10
Harvey S. Read	5 70
Erwin Wilder	4 20
Orra A. Kelley	5 00
J. Gilman Rowell	5 00
Hiram D. Hilliard	1 00
Allen P. Messer, repairing road through Borough and Hempyard	166 00
Henry Walker	4 00
Erastus O. Cole	1 00
Samuel Hutchinson	4 50
Henry L. Fletcher	49 37
George E. Fairbanks	8 25
William D. Lear	2 60
Hiram D. Hilliard	2 50
Hiram P. Raymond	4 47
Edwin T. Ayers	18 11

Charles E. Jackson	6 37
Albert E. Wellman	3 85
Orra A. Kelley	6 00
Edward Bryant	19 21
Orra A. Kelley	3 00
George D. Kenyon	6 35
John Conlin	3 00
William E. Westgate	2 24
Edwin H. Smith	1 00
Edwin W. Collins	2 00
Stephen B. Deming	2 00
	$ 342 82

For Breaking Roads in April, 1879.

Lyman D. Wood	2 00
Lyman Bartlett	1 50
George P. Williams	2 00
John White	4 00
Joseph A. Spaulding	1 00
Stratton Spaulding	2 00
Orra A. Kelley	3 00
Moody Hook	4 50
Charles B. Hough	1 85
William W. Poole	12 92
Christopher C. Forehand	2 25
Washington I. Leslie	50
Allen P. Messer	4 00
Seth R. Cole	4 20
John Conlin	7 00
George E. Bugbee	4 00
Daniel Whitmore	6 00
William D. Paget	8 00
Hiram P. Raymond	2 40
William H. Whitmore	2 20
Edward N. Wyman	1 00
William E. Westgate	1 25
Oliver P. Burr	1 50
Edwin G. Kenyon	14 91
Orra A. Kelley, in Jan., 1880	2 50
Charles H. Read	1 00
Charles B. Hough	4 85
	$ 102 33

For Incidental Expenses.

Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing Town reports,	$26 00
Samuel M. Green, entertainment of Selectmen and Auditors, last year	5 95
Claremont Manuf'g Co., binding the Gen. Chase papers	10 00
Ira Colby, retaining fee	10 00
Claremont Stationery Co., books, blanks and stationery	20 78
Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing tax notices	1 87
Edward O. Day, for bounties on foxes and hawks,	3 00
Newell N. Huggins, school-house tax, dist. No. 5,	20 00
E. L. Cushing, attorney fees in suit of Leet vs. Cornish, 1878	38 00
Orlando Powers, inventory record books	14 50
B. C. Fay, damage to wagon on highway	5 00
Albert Weld, services with hearse	20 00
Carlos F. Huggins, services as selectman, last year	12 75
Giles S. Hastings, damage to horse on highway,	50 00
County treasurer, county tax	1,372 22
Seth R. Cole, cleaning Town house	2 50
Dr. Geo. W. Hunt, recording births and deaths,	7 00
E. L. Cushing, attorney fees, Sprague vs. Cornish,	69 00
Hiram M. Weld, gravel for highway	5 00
Michael A. Brady, for watering trough	3 00
" entertainment of selectmen	11 50
Allen P. Messer for watering trough	1 00
Henry M. Day, for surveying	3 00
Register of deeds, for copy of deed	50
John Q. York, for watering trough	2 00
Claremont National bank, check for State tax	75
Charles O. Eastman, insuring Town house	8 00
William D. Lear, for watering trough	3 00
George D. Hilliard, " "	2 00
State treasurer, State tax	1,340 00
William H. Sisson, oiling and repairing hearse harness	1 50
Hiram P. Raymond, damage to plough	1 50
Freeman A. Johnson, damage to wagon on highway	1 25
Lemuel Benway, repairing cemetery fence	3 50

Orlando Powers, lock for jury box.....	20
James M. Davidson, services as trustee of Foss fund.....	10 00
C. E. Jackson, error in am't of tax for 1878...	9 02
Windsor Manuf'g Co., over tax.....	3 81
Orra A. Kelley, damage to horse, wagon and harness on highway.....	17 50
E. L. Cushing, attorney fees, Brown vs. Cornish,	24 00
Ira Colby, retaining fee, Sprague vs. Cornish..	5 00
" attorney fees, Sprague vs. Cornish..	52 40
" printing and sending briefs, Sprague vs. Cornish.....	3 25
Ira Colby, cash paid for witness fees, Sprague vs. Cornish.....	3 61
Stephen A. Tracy, services as supervisor.....	6 00
William Balloch " "	6 00
George L. Deming, " "	4 00
Edward O. Day, cash paid for expense to the town of the coroner's inquest on Levi F. Stone.....	19 50
Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing check lists...	9 50
Amon Royce, for watering trough	2 00
Dana N. Morgan, over tax, 1878.....	5 57
Fred W. Dunsmore, for watering trough.....	2 00
C. N. & G. D. Hilliard, gravel for highway....	4 00
Curtis H. Blake, " "	3 00
Marshall Harlow, entertaiment of selectmen...	5 75
Estate of D. H. Hilliard, over tax.....	1 96
Worth C. Jordan, for watering trough.....	1 00
Albert Weld, services with hearse.....	14 00
Edwin H. Smith, gravel for highway.....	2 00
" for watering trough.....	1 00
Orlando Powers, over tax.....	4 90
" services as auditor.....	6 00
Edward O. Day, " "	6 00
" entertainment of selectmen and supervisors.....	10 00
Orlando Powers, notifying Jurors.....	4 93
Lemuel Martindale "	3 00
Thomas A. Allen, over tax on dog.....	1 00
Charles Tyler, for watering trough.....	2 00
James M. Davidson, witness fees paid Sprague vs. Cornish.....	15 52

James M. Davidson, balance of expense as agent in suits of Sprague vs. Cornish, and Brown vs. Cornish	12 98
James M. Davidson, non resident highway taxes paid in labor	43 30
Chester Pike for watering trough	2 00
William H. Harlow, "	2 00
Peter Bennett, over tax	98
Willis W. Tyler "	98
John Conlin, Jr., " 1876	1 53
" " 1878	1 12
Abel W. Fairbanks, for watering trough	3 00
Elmer C. Barrows, entertainment of selectmen,	11 25
Edward O. Day, bounties paid on foxes and hawks	3 40
Edward O. Day, cash paid for postage, stationery and express bills	2 89
Horace Boyd, over tax, 1877	1 23
Geraph A. Wilder, over tax, 1878	1 16
Horace Boyd, " "	1 12
Roswell Boyd " "	1 12
Charles A. Haven, " "	1 21
Emily Leavitt, books furnished for scholars	1 16
Edward O. Day, expenses to Newport twice, Claremont three times	4 00
Alphonso H. Eastman, damage to plough on highway	1 08
E. B. White, damage to sleigh	1 75
	$ 3,444 75

For Sheep killed by dogs.

Alfred C. Chadborn	$ 5 00
Edward Bryant	8 00
Chester Pike	18 00
Elijah D. Austin	6 00
Mrs. Newton Jackson	2 00
Fred W. Dunsmore	10 00
Horace G. P. Cross	14 00
William E. Chadborn	8 00
Daniel Whitmore	6 00
Frank H. Weld	2 00
Stephen B. Deming	4 00

Henry L. Fletcher	1 50
Edwin T. Ayers	3 50
James F. Tasker	12 00
John White	4 50
William C. Hart	12 00
	116 50

For Abatement of Taxes

asked for by James M. Davidson, Collector.

On tax book 1876.

George A. Wood	$ 3 08
Harvey B. Williams	2 15
	5 23

On Tax book of 1877.

Alfred Carpenter	$ 1 64
Mrs. Alfred Carpenter	1 49
John Hubbard	1 23
Stephen L. Stearns	1 23
	5 59

On Tax book of 1878.

Levi F. Stone	$ 3 59
William Wilder	1 12
Lewis Owen	1 12
Zebedee York	6 55
Edward Wells	1 16
Est. of Ebenezer Mitchell	1 67
Methodist Episcopal Society	99
	16 20

On Tax book of 1879

Judith Carter	$ 98
Sarah D. Chase	98
Serena Huggins	49
Rhoda Spaulding	1 16
Zebedee York	3 57
Est. of Ebenezer Mitchell	1 47
Mary Burbank	2 16
Levi F. Stone	3 16
Hiram D. Hilliard	1 98
	15 95

For Services of Town Officers

Orlando Powers, Town Clerk	$ 30 00
Lemuel Martindale, Treasurer	35 00
James M. Davidson, Collector	65 00
Emily Leavitt, Supertending School Committee	50 00
Elias S. Leavitt, Selectman	48 75
Chauncey P. Jenney "	51 25
Edward O. Day "	97 75
	$ 377 75

Recapitulation.

Total amount received, $7,617 44.

Amount of Orders drawn.

For support of schools	$1,321 93
" " " County paupers	117 45
" " " Town "	439 92
" Plank, timber, and stone	273 23
" labor on highways and bridges	342 82
" breaking roads	102 33
" incidental expenses	3,444 75
" sheep killed by dogs	116 50
" abatement on tax book 1876	5 23
" " " " " 1877	5 59
" " " " " 1878	16 20
" " " " " 1879	15 95
" Town Officer's services	377 75
	$ 6,579 65
Leaving a balance of	$ 1,037 79

Orders outstanding against the Town.

1872, Oct. 1.	No. 90.	Almeda Jackson (bal. due),	$91 85
" Dec. 4.	150.	Forest Freeman "	125 00
1875, Apr. 13.	6.	Sarah W. Westgate	200 00
" July, 3.	41.	Daniel G. Deming,	300 00
1876, Dec. 30.	111.	Joseph B. Comings,	850 00
1877, Dec. 29.	114.	School fund,	470 87

1878, Jan. 3.	129. Edward O. Day,	1,200 00
" Feb. 2.	139. Edward O. Day,	800 00
" " 26.	184. Philena A. Cole,	100 00
" " 27.	224. William W. Poole,	8 00
" " "	238. Elmer C. Barrows,	17 95
" " "	239. Edward O. Day,	15 00
" " 28.	249. Norman A. Deming,	98 25
" " "	250. Edward O. Day,	84 75
1879, Oct. 11.	64. Alfred C. Chadborn,	5 00
1880, Feb. 25.	165. Edward Bryant,	8 00
" " "	167. Chester Pike,	3 96
" " "	169. Chester Pike,	18 00
" " "	173. Elijah D. Austin,	6 00
" " "	174. Mrs. Newton Jackson,	2 00
" " "	177. Fred W. Dunsmore,	2 00
" " "	178. Fred W. Dunsmore,	10 00
" " "	180. Horace G. P. Cross,	14 00
" " "	181. Curtis H. Blake,	3 00
" " "	185. William E. Chadborn,	8 00
" " 26	189. Daniel Whitmore,	6 00
" " "	204. Charles H. Read,	1 00
" " "	206. John White,	4 50
" " "	214. Frank H. Weld,	2 00
" " 27	249. Stephen B. Deming,	4 00
" " "	252. Thomas A. Allen,	3 42
" " "	263. Henry L. Fletcher,	1 50
" " "	264. Edwin T. Ayers,	3 50
" " "	266. James F. Tasker,	12 00
" " "	270. William C. Hart,	12 00
		$ 4491 55

The Liabilities of the town are as follow.

Due on outstanding orders.....	$ 4,491 55
Accrued interest on orders outstanding	74 24
Total of Liabilities against the town	4,565 79

The assets of the town are as follow

Jonas Hastings' Note and interest, due March 1, 1880.....	$ 2567 57
Freeman A. Johnson's Note ann int. due March. 1, 1880.....	1071 12

Ethan Walker's Note and interest	22 93	
Auction bill against Charles Tyler	8 75	
Taxes not col. on Tax book of 1879	690 75	
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	272 06	
		4633 18
Leaving balance in favor of the town of		67 39

Total amount of debt less assets, March, 1879,	1,164 37
The town has reduced its indebtedness in the last year.....	1,231 76
Which pays the amount of the liabilities of the town over and above the assets as reported March 1, 1879, and leaves a balance in the Treasury of.....	67 39

The selectmen would also state that there is reported as assets of the town, in the report of 1877.

Liquors and casks in agent's hands, not considered good.....	$220 00

There was also reported last year, as a liability of the town, due district No. 14, $361 85, which we are informed by counsel the district has forfeited to the town, by not expending it for the support of schools in said district according to law.

The selectmen respectfully recommend the town to raise for the ensuing year, in addition to the amount required by law, the following sums:

To defray town charges.....	1,800 00
To pay land damages and build new highway laid out by the selectmen	150 00
For repairing highways and bridges.....	1800 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. DAY,
CHAUNCEY P. JENNEY,
ELIAS S. LEAVITT,
Selectmen of Cornish.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

March 13, received of Hiram A. Day, former Treasurer:	
Balance of principal of Jonas Hastings' note,...	$ 1,945 13
" " Freeman A. Johnson's note,	1,000 00
" " Ethan Walker's note.....	19 79
Auction bill against Charles Tyler.....	8 75
Cash	539 56
Sept. 8, rec'd of Selectmen cash, received of County for support of County paupers....	62 00
Received of Selectmen for license of dogs.....	6 00
Oct. 7, received of Selectmen interest on Foss fund, for support of poor.....	112 80
Rec'd of Selectmen bounty on foxes and hawks,	3 00
Nov. 1, rec'd of Freeman Johnson for int. on note	90 00
Dec. 6, recd of Select. Railroad tax of 1879.	223 05
Received of Selectmen Savings Bank tax of 1879	561 54
" . Literary Fund of 1879..	99 90
Feb. 7, cash received of County for support of County paupers.....	55 74
Received of Selectmen amount of execution vs. Sprague, in suit Sprague vs. Cornish.....	64 26
Feb. 17, received interest on School Fund.....	28 25
" " on money.....	2 75
" of James M. Davidson, collector, interest on tax, 1876.....	29
Rec. of James M. Davidson, col. int. on tax, 1877,	35
" " " " 1878,	32 27
" " " " 1879,	14 62
" " collector taxes, 1876,	9 97
" " " " 1877,	15 25
" " " " 1878,	797 93
" " " " 1879,	5,738 40
Total	$11,431 60

Disbursements.

Paid as principal on new orders,.....	$ 6,449 77
" " " old orders,.....	1'404 29
" interest " " "	331 86

Balance in treasurer's hands, as follows:

Balance, principal, Jonas Hastings' note.....	$ 1,945 13

Balance, principal, Freeman Johnson's note..	1,000 00
" " Ethan Walker's note.....	19 79
Auction bill against Charles Tyler.....	8 75
Cash.....	272 06
Total.....	$ 11,431 60

School Fund.

Amount of funds in hands of Treasurer.....	$ 470 87

Dog Fund.

Received of James M. Davidson, collector taxes assessed on dogs	$ 81 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs.....	116 50
Balance against dogs.....	35 50
Orders payable second Tuesday in March, 1880, at the rate of .69½ per cent.....	

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Treasurer.

Jacob Foss Legacy Trustee's Report.

Sept. 14, 1866, received of the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased.....	$ 2,820 00
Received the interest on said legacy for the year ending Sept. 14, 1879.....	169 20
Sept. 24, paid the Selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for the support of the poor of said town, as per receipt.....	112 80
Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags and fixtures.....	56 40
Interest not expended last year.....	11 40
June 15, Paid Geo. E. Hilliard for putting in rope, Hilliard pole	3 00
Paid Geo. H. Stowell for rope.....	4 75
June 30, paid Lewis E. Weld for digging hole to set pole on the Flat.....	1 50
For iron pins for pole.....	1 00
" boring pole for pins.....	1 00
" extra bands for pole.....	1 87
July 2, paid James F. Tasker and others for raising pole at the Flat.....	16 50
Paid C. H. Read for pole.....	30 00

Paid Chas. Bailey putting in rope at Center pole,	2 50
For personal services.....	4 00
	$66 12

Which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. DAVIDSON, Trustee.

LAW AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned agent chosen to defend law suits against the town of Cornish, makes the following report:

The Sprague vs. Cornish Liquor Case, sum claimed $ 150 00

That case was tried at the Supreme Judicial Court, Sept. term, 1878. The jurors found in favor of the town. Counsel for the plaintiff took exceptions to the ruling of the Court, carried the case up to Supreme Court, decision was had in September sustaining the verdict of the jurors.

Expenses in the case were as follows:—

Paid E. L. Cushing, attorney fees, both courts...	$ 69 00
" agent's expenses as reported last year.....	15 52
" witnesses' fees.....	15 52
" Ira Colby retaining fee	5 00
" " " for brief	15 00
" for printing.....	3 25
" " witnesses' fees.....	3 61
" " attorney fees.....	37 40
Cash rec. on execution against Sprague..$ 64 26	

Brown vs. Cornish, Liquor Case, amount claimed $220 00

That case was put by two terms to the Nov. term at Plymouth, 1879. The case was withdrawn by the plaintiff.

Cost in this case:—

Paid E. L. Cushing three term fees.....	$ 24 00
" balance of agent's expenses.....	12 98

Which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. DAVIDSON, Agent.

We certify that we have examined the statements made by the Selectmen, Treasurer, Trustee of the Foss fund and Law Agent, and we find them in all cases correctly cast and we believe the statement of assets and liabilities of the town is made in good faith and is essentially correct.

ORLANDO POWERS, }
STEPHEN A. TRACY. } Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

Permit me to thank citizens, teachers and scholars, for the kindness shown me personally, and for the general interest they have taken in the schools. It has aided me and been to the advantage of the children. And while we are happy to be able to report that a favorable improvement has been made in nearly all the schools the past year, still they are far from what they ought and should be. This is not due to one cause, but to many; there are difficulties that can be overcome only by careful study, sound judgment, and untiring effort.

One of the great hindrances to the advancement of our schools is the constant change of teachers; and while a poor teacher is a bane to any school, and should be gotten rid of as soon as possible, the services of a good teacher can scarcely be retained too long. The progress of a school may be seriously retarded by a change of teachers equally well qualified, coming, as they may, from different schools, each with a system of his, or her own; because the larger part of a term must necessarily be spent in becoming acquainted with their pupils, so that the best instruction may be given to the greatest number. Another cause, as bad and perhaps worse, is the superficial manner in which the branches taught are treated; a great amount of space is gone over and but little knowledge obtained. It does seem to us that instead of years being spent in the study of Arithmetic, the same subject being gone over term after term, and the scholars being but little wiser in the end than at the beginning, four terms, of ten or eleven weeks each, should be sufficient to complete thoroughly the Practical Arithmetic

The same may be said of the study of Geography. We feel sure that some system of map drawing, taken in connection with our text books, would be beneficial; and indeed it is the only means by which a pupil can obtain a very correct knowledge of Geography.

Parents.

It seems to us that parents scarcely realize how much the success or failure of their schools depends upon themselves. They are more than all School officers, more than teachers and scholars together. Then, in selecting your Prudential Committee, lay aside party spirit, throw prejudice to the winds, and choose your best men; those who have the welfare of the school at heart, who will not secure the services of a teacher from mere favortism, or because he can hire cheaply, or because some friend wishes him to employ a certain one; but choose a man that will do the very best he can for the school, and give him your sympathy and support; make him feel that he will be sustained if he deems it best to travel outside the beaten path; and do not "step on his toes" if he blunders. Encourage your teacher by frequent visits to the school room, take an interest in all that he does for the good of the school; assist him in maintaining good and wholesome discipline in his school; let the children understand that they are to obey the commands of their teacher, that he is to be treated, both in and out of school, with deference and respect; Parents! with your care, *and yours only*, may we hope to see our schools become what they should be, the spring from which, in future years, will flow streams of morality, justice, obedience to law and love of country. Then shall we see, instead of machines moved and guided by the will of others, true *men* and women, capable of acting and thinking for themselves, and blessing the community in which they live.

No. 1. (*Below the Bridge.*) Length of school 26 weeks. Summer term in charge of Miss Etta Hart. This was Miss Hart's first term. At my first visit I found seventeen pupils, at the last only three. I think perhaps Miss Hart would have been more successful in some other school, but here was an entire failure. Winter term taught by Miss Nellie Cross. A very good teacher; —all, I think, well satisfied.

No. 2. (*Above the Bridge.*) Length of school 20 weeks. Summer term MISS HATTIE J. HILDRETH, teacher. Miss Hildreth has had much experience in teaching, and needs no commendation from us. Winter term was in charge of W. E. HARLOW. This was his first attempt at teaching; but he went to work with a *will* and did admirably. He has but few equals—is the best teacher of mathematics in town.

No. 3. (*Stephen A. Tracy's.*) Length of school 22 weeks. Summer term in charge of MISS EMMA L. CHAPMAN of Plainfield. Winter term taught by MISS LUCY WESTGATE. No school, through the year, has made the same improvement as this. Wherever either of these teachers is found you may be sure of a good school; they are both ladies of culture and use their talents for the good of their schools.

No. 4. (*Dingleton.*) Length of school 17 weeks. Both terms taught by MISS NELLIE CROSS. This lady is a hard-working, wide-awake teacher. Her school appeared well at each visit, and good improvement was made.

No. 5. (*Huggins.*) Length of school 17 weeks. Both terms taught by MISS NELLIE L. JACKSON. She evidently meant to do something creditable, and succeeded; her school appeared well.

No. 6. (*Flat.*) Length of school 29 weeks. Summer term in care of MISS JENNIE L. JACKSON. As is often true of this school, after a few weeks the scholars began to drop off, so that at the close of the term but few were present. What advancement would have been made had the pupils attended regularly of course we cannot judge. Fall term, MISS ANN S. BRYANT, teacher. This teacher has large experience. The record she has made in this town, as reported by my predecessors, cannot be improved by anything I might say. Winter term kept by MISS EMMA L. CHAPMAN. Teacher, citizens and scholars deserve great credit for the interest taken this term. All seemed well pleased and we are sure they had a good teacher.

No. 7. (*Center.*) Length of school 22½ weeks. Both terms in charge of MISS LAURA A. AYERS. The discipline in this school was very good; the scholars made fair improvement.

No. 8. (*Goward.*) Length of school 22 weeks. Summer term taught by MISS LIZZIE V. CLARK, a good, wide-awake teacher, who does her very best every time. Great interest seemed to be

taken in her school by the parents; the examination at the close was good. Winter term in charge of C. D. NEVENS. Mr. Nevens is a very fine scholar, and whatever he teaches he teaches well. I found the school, at its opening, well arranged and doing nicely, and, from what I heard, thought all were well pleased. After about six weeks Mr. N. was taken sick, school stopped three weeks, and at the re-opening only a part of the scholars came back, owing to the whooping cough, and at the close others had left, so that only six were present. But one thing is very certain—that the teacher did well.

No. 9. (*Town House.*) Length of school 20 weeks. Summer term, MISS DELIA TASKER, teacher. This was her first experience in teaching. Her education is quite limited, but she did quite well. Winter term, taught by MISS JENNIE L. JACKSON. The school was much larger than in summer and of course more interesting. Miss Jackson won the love and respect of her pupils and good improvement was made,—all well satisfied.

No. 10. (*Edminister.*) Length of school 18 weeks. Same teacher both terms, MISS MARY E. COLBY of Claremont. This was Miss Colby's first school; she was a good scholar, an energetic, hard-working teacher, and ought to have been sustained by all interested in this school, but there seemed to be dissatisfaction. The only cause of complaint I heard was "too much order," a very rare thing in schools generally.

No. 11. (*City.*) Length of school 19 weeks. MISS CHRISTINA F. SMITH of Claremont, teacher. This teacher is a very pleasant and well-informed lady, with considerable experience in teaching and with but one fault that I could discover—a want of discipline.

No. 12. (*Poppy squash.*) Length of school 10 weeks. This school was kept by MISS HATTIE L. CHILD. I visited it three times during the session, and each time found the children orderly and attending to their business, and saw nothing indicating that Miss Child did not do well.

No. 13. (*Lyman Fitch.*) Length of school 16 weeks. Summer term in charge of MISS NELLIE I. HILLIARD. This teacher had taught only one term before, but she did well. Her school was quiet and busy, and good improvement was made. Winter term MISS CHRISTINA SMITH, teacher. She labored hard and the school would have been a success if proper discipline had been maintained.

No 14. (*Hempyard.*) One term of 8 weeks, by MISS LIZZIE M. Jackson. The school was so small that it was impossible for any teacher to do much, but from what I saw I should think Miss J. would make a nice teacher.

No. 15. (*Root.*) Only about 5 weeks school in this district. MISS SARAH CONLIN, teacher. She did as well as any one could in so short a term and with so few scholars.

No. 16. (*Texas.*) Length of school 14 weeks, in charge of MISS ABBY CLARK. This teacher is young but willing to work, and expects her pupils to do the same; consequently they will improve. She gave good satisfaction.

Conclusion.

Again thanking you, all who co-operated with me for the good of the schools, I have the honor to submit my report.

EMILY LEAVITT,
Superintending School Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars who were neither absent nor tardy.

District No. 1. First term, Grace S. Chadbourn; second term, Ella Cross, Grace S. Chadbourn, Jennie Densmore, Minnie Williams, Frank Harris, Lute Chadbourn.

District No. 2. Nattie E. Westgate, Mary M. Boyce, Nellie Boyce, Nettie Bryant, Nellie S. Chase, George D. Austin, Grace Withey.

District No. 3. First term, Emily Tracy, Evelyn Tracy, Charlie Tracy, Frank Chadbourn, Burt Chadbourn, Alfred Chadbourn, Georgie Eastman, Weston Thrasher; second term, Frank Tracy, Charlie Tracy, Frank Chadbourn Bertie Chadbourn.

District No. 4. Elmer Fitch, Frank Dana, Henry Dana.

District No. 5. First term, Robert A. Case, Clarence Walker, Robert W. Walker; second term, Mary Huggins, Alma Quimby, Bertie Cole.

District No. 6. First Term, Inez Sherburne, Lilla Young, Florence Carroll, Morris Carroll; second term, Emma Young, Lilla Young, Arthur Rickard, Fred Rich, Lewis Benjamin, Henry Benjamin, Florence Carroll, Effie Joydan, Lena Comings, Minnie Truell; third term, George Hunt, George Sisson.

District No. 7. First term, Julia Ayers, Lena S. Cole, Annie Harrington, Vinna Jordan, Jennie Jenkins, Emma Smith, Vernon Ayers, Addie Whittaker, John Jackson, Junia W. Cole.

District No. 8. First term, Nellie Richardson, Mabel Kenyon, Edmond Mason, Ivon Weld, Perry Burr, Martin Kenyon; second term, Edmond Mason.

District No. 9. Minnie Tasker.

District No. 10. Charlie S. Lear, Ada M. Weld, Geo. Bugbee.

District No. 11. First term, Flora Hilliard, Emma Hilliard, Mattie Ellis; second term, Emma Morgan, Carrie Morgan, Emma Hilliard, Fred Weld.

District No. 12. Eva Kelly, Lizzie M. Huntington, Nellie Huntington, Lillian Kelley, Eddie G. Wright, Hattie Kelley,

District No. 13. First term, Lizzie E. Stearns, Ella E. York, Ida E. York, Jerome Hilliard, Orlan P. Fitch, Willie C. Fitch, Jarvie C. Deming; second term, Ella York, Ida York, Clayton Hilliard, Luman Hilliard.

District No. 14. Chester A. Fairbanks, Ida York.

District No. 15. Martin Conlin, Katie Conlin, Edward Root.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Terms.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	Wages including board per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Am. of School Money.
1	1	S. L. Dunsmore,	Ella Hart,		$18.00	18	11½	$ 145.38
	2		Nellie Cross,		20.00	17	14	
2	1	Edward Bryant,	*Hattie Hildreth,	10	20.00	16	12½	87.02
	2		*W. E. Harlow,	10	16.00	13	12	
3	1	Alphonso Eastman,	Emma Chapman,	10	16.00	13	12	74.14
	2		Lucy Westgate,	12	18.00	14	13.1	
4	1	Henry Walker,	Nellie Cross,		17.00	12	11	51.50
	2		Nellie Cross,		19.00	13	12	
5	1	Martin Walker,	*Nellie Jackson,	9	20 00	12	11	62.62
	2		Nellie Jackson,	8	20.00	14	12	
	1		Jennie Jackson,	12	24.00	34	20	209.28
6	2	C. P. Jenney,	Anna Bryant,	8	22.00	36	18	
	3		Emma Chapman,	9	30.00	43	38½	114.96
7	1	Stephen Ayers,	Laura Ayer,	11	18.00	14	13	
	2		Laura Ayer,	11½	19.00	13	11	137.91
8	1	H. P. Raymond,	Lizzie Clark,	10	19.00	18	17.88	
	2		C. D. Nevens,	12	22.00	22	15.36	70.59
9	1	Lewis Knight,	*Delia Tasker,	8	18.00	7	5	
	2		Jennie Jackson,	11	21.00	13	11	78.37
10	1	Samuel Hutchinson,	Mary Colby,	10	14.00	9	7	
	2		Mary Colby,	8	16.00	16	14	94.58
11	1	Dana Morgan,	Christina Smith,	10	18.00	16	16	
	2		Christina Smith,	9	18.00	26	21.9	20.34
12	1	G. E. Williams,	*Hattie L. Child,	10	8.00	6	6	
13	1	Mrs. Mary Hilliard,	Nellie Hilliard,	8	16.00	19	17	67.44
	2		Christina Smith,	8	18.00	21	20.63	25.27
14	1	William Poole,	Lizzie Jackson,	8	12.00	9	4	16.44
15	1	John Conlin,	Sarah Conlin,	5	12.00	5	4	52.42
16	1	Arnold Allen.	*Abbie Clark.	14	20.00	14	11.8	

* Board given by the district.